GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1688
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SMUGGLING OF HIGH SPEED DIESEL
Jha Shri Raghunath

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

to the reply given to USQ No. 498 dated March 3, 2005 regarding smuggling of high speed diesel and state :

(a) whether the information has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons for delay; and

(d) the time by which the information is likely to be collected?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence is having general intelligence regarding smuggling of HSD into the country from Gulf. Based on specific information, the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence seized 770 KL of High Speed Diesel valued at Rs. 2.42 crore on 21.12.2004. There is no indication that the HSD being smuggled from Gulf was meant to be sold to petrol pumps after adulterating it with kerosene oil. The quantum of smuggled HSD seized during the last two years is in the Annexe.

(c) & (d): Do not arise in view of (b) above.